IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

John K. Goodrow, :

Plaintiff, :

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00020-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A. and

Johnie R. Muncy,

:

Defendants.

Michelle McBeth, :

Plaintiff, :

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00479-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A. and

Johnie R. Muncy,

Defendants.

Adam Mbundure, :

Plaintiff,

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00489-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A. and

Johnie R. Muncy,

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Defendants.

Albert C. Ceccone, :

Plantiff, :

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00555-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A. and

Johnie R. Muncy,

Defendants.

Allen Chatter, :

Plaintiff, :

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00613-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A.,

F&M Services, L.C. and

Johnie R. Muncy,

Defendants.

Letonya Banks,

Plaintiff, :

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00614-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A., :

F&M Services, L.C. and

Johnie R. Muncy, :

Defendants. :

Ivery Hicks, :

Plaintiff,

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-615-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A.,

Miriam S. Fuchs, Jeffrey Huston,

James J. Loftus, Kenneth J. MacFadyen,

And Daniel Menchel,

Defendants.

Knorly Smith,

Plaintiff, :

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00616-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A.,

Miriam S. Fuchs, Jeffrey Huston,

James J. Loftus, Kenneth J. MacFadyen,

And Daniel Menchel,

Defendants.

Peter Crawley, :

Plaintiff, :

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00617-MHL

Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A., :

F&M Services, L.C. and

Johnie R. Muncy,

Defendants. :

Laurel Buel and

Milton Buel,

Plaintiffs, :

v. : Civil Action No: 3:11-cv-00716-MHL

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Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A., :

F&M Services, L.C. and

Johnie R. Muncy, :

Defendants. :

PLAINTIFFS' MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF CONSENT MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

Plaintiffs have moved pursuant to Fed. Civ. P. 42(a) that the above-styled cases be consolidated for purposes of case management and scheduling, and for the purpose and duration of the mediation process sought by all parties.

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 42(a) and 16(c)(2), Plaintiffs in each of the above-styled cases move, with the consent of the Defendants, that the above actions be consolidated for the limited purposes of pre-trial management and mediation. The Parties have each consented to jurisdiction of this Court. They share the objective of establishing an efficient

and effective process to attempt mediation of these cases. Only two of the matters are currently past their Rule 16(b) scheduling conference.

Where cases "involving a common question of law or fact" are pending before a court, that court may (i) "order a joint hearing or trial of any or all the matters in issue in the actions," (ii) "order all the actions consolidated," and (iii) "make such orders concerning proceedings therein as may tend to avoid unnecessary costs or delay." Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a). In making a decision on consolidation, the Court must determine whether "the specific risks of prejudice and possible confusion [from consolidation are] overborne by the risk of inconsistent adjudications of common factual and legal issues, the burden on parties, witnesses and available judicial resources posed by multiple lawsuits, the length of time required to conclude multiple suits as against a single one, and the relative expense to all concerned." *Arnold v. Eastern Air Lines Inc.*, 681 F.2d 186, 193 (4th Cir.1982). See also *In re MicroStrategy Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 110 F. Supp. 2d 427, 431 (E.D. Va. 2000).

In the present matter, these cases and claims are substantially similar, involving similar or identical causes of action and questions of law. In fact, the only material differences between the cases are the types and degrees of actual damages. The Parties have agreed that consolidation for this limited purpose (as opposed to a consolidated trial) would best utilize the District's judicial resources and minimize resource waste between the litigants.

Accordingly, the Plaintiffs move and Defendants have consented to order the consolidation of the cases for joint scheduling and an orderly case management sequence to permit an early and comprehensive settlement process.

Respectfully submitted,

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